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# BULLETIN OF THE METROPOLITAN MUSEUM OF ART

## MEMORIAL RESOLUTION

AT the meeting of the Board of Trustees held on Monday, February 21, 1910, the following memorial resolution was adopted:

IN MEMORIAM

DARIUS OGDEN MILLS

TRUSTEE

1882-1910

FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

1906-1910

THE Trustees of the Metropolitan Museum of Art have heard with profound sorrow of the death of Darius Ogden Mills, at his home in California in January.

Our close association with him as a member of the Board from 1882 until his death, a consecutive period of eighteen years, had not only commanded our highest respect and confidence, but had warmly attached to him all his associates, and we desire to put on record our high appreciation of his character, and of his valuable services to the Museum. These services were of the most varied description, and embraced first and last nearly all the activities of the Board of Trustees. He was Vice-President of the Museum from 1906 to 1910, and a member of the Executive Committee throughout the entire period of his connection with the Board, during which, at different times and for varying periods, he served on the Committees on Finance, Purchases, Paintings and Sculpture, Art School Supplies, Nominations, Loan Exhibitions, Museum Lighting and on the committee appointed to write to the King of England regarding his gift of books. On all these

committees and in his entire relation to the Museum, there was nothing perfunctory about his services, but he realized his responsibilities and gave close and constant attention to the affairs of the institution; and his natural sagacity, his vast experience, and his thoroughly trained methods of business gave practical value to his advice and his action.

His devotion to the interests of the Museum was constant and untiring; he was a frequent contributor to its work, and the generous legacy to the Museum contained in his will was but a continuance of the valuable gifts of his lifetime.

His personal character was uniquely pure and noble and he was a rare instance in America of a man of immense and great enterprises constantly increasing his vast possessions upon whom no breath of malicious suspicion or criticism ever rested. His charities were on a large scale; but what was better even than charity was his constant desire and active endeavors to help the helpless to help themselves, as was shown by his successful experiment in constructing homes for homeless men in which, without any loss of self-respect, they could for the most modest daily payment be well provided for by night and by day, and find not only the necessities, but many of the comforts of life. Without any special advantages of early training and culture, his dignified and manly bearing, his absolute and universal courtesy and good advice, his grace of manner and unaffected kindness to every one with whom he came in contact, marked him as one of Nature's noblemen.

And thus he bore without abuse  
The grand old name of gentleman,  
Defamed by every charlatan  
And soiled with all ignoble use.